Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The people of the state of South Dakota have been fortunate to be the recipients of the endeavors of a special class of individuals devoted to making our state number one in the transportation field; and,

Whereas, Margaret A. Pochop joined that elite group of employees as an Account Clerk 1 in the Winner Area Office in Winner, South Dakota, on December 5, 1984, and has since served the people of South Dakota, as well as the people of the Winner area, in her various positions in the Winner area office; and,

Whereas, Margaret has, in the course of her career, worked as an account clerk I, an account clerk II, a claims clerk, a secretary, and a senior secretary for four different area engineers, namely Oliver Willert, Larry Engbrecht, Jeff Gustafson, and Doug Sherman; and,

Whereas, Margaret did a great job of keeping these four out of trouble, and now deserves to enjoy life without the burdens of having to work everyday; and,

Whereas, Margaret performed her duties to such a high degree of excellence that she was recognized with an honor that is almost unattainable for most individuals – a merit raise on November 27, 1999; and,

Whereas, Margaret has primarily been the public's first point of contact for business involving the Winner area, and she always managed to make everyone feel welcome and appreciated no matter what their business involved; and,

Whereas, Margaret has dedicated the past 19 years to taking care of the Winner area, and has now expressed her desire to spend more time with her family, friends and hobbies; and,

Whereas, Margaret has served the people of this great state for 19 years and 3 days, always exhibiting the qualities of professionalism, honor, and integrity, and is choosing now to retire:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 8, 2003, as

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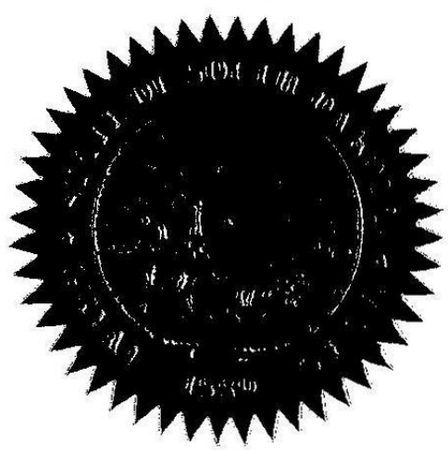
in South Dakota, and I join her co-workers, family, and friends in congratulating her on this well-earned retirement, and wishing her a long, healthy, peaceful, and enjoyable retirement.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State